

CAPTAIN EUGENE GRAY, Jr. COMMANDING OFFICER DEPLOYABLE OPERATIONS GROUP

Captain Gray assumed the duties of Commander, Deployable Operations Group in June 2011. In this role, he leads more than 3,000 Coast Guard personnel and 27 Deployable Specialized Forces operating in support of Operational Commanders around the world.

Prior to the DOG, Captain Gray was detailed to the White House as the National Security Council's Director for

Central America and Caribbean Affairs.

A designated cutterman, Captain Gray has served aboard five cutters, commanding three: CAPE SHOALWATER, Palm Beach, Florida; SASSAFRAS, Honolulu, Hawaii; and VALIANT, Miami, Florida. Other tours afloat include Executive Officer in BUTTONWOOD and PAPAW in Galveston, Texas and Deck Watch Officer duties in COURAGEOUS, Key West, Florida;

Assignments ashore include Chief, Office of Counterterrorism and Defense Operations at USCG Headquarters; Joint Staff, Chief, Air, Land and Maritime Homeland Defense Division at the Pentagon; Chief of the Seventh District Law Enforcement Plans and Analysis Section; Chief, Seventh District Aids to Navigation, Waterways Management and Bridges Division in Miami, Florida; and, Chief of Instructional Technologies at the Maritime Law Enforcement School in Yorktown, Virginia.

A specialist in maritime operations and response, Captain Gray was assigned Officer In Charge of Forward Operating Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during Operations Able Manner/Able Vigil and Restore Democracy and as the deployed J3/J5 Operations and Planning Officer for Coast Guard Security Zone forces involved in Operation Eastern Access, enforcing the Magnusson Act Security Zone around the Island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, from the USS NASHVILLE. Captain Gray was also the Project manager for one of the Coast Guard's largest environmental restoration projects, planning and recovering over 22,000 batteries that had been discarded at both terrestrial and underwater aids to navigation sites in the states of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina as well as the territory of Puerto Rico.

Captain Gray's military awards include: Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals with Operational distinguishing devices, the DOT 911 Service Medal, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals with Operational distinguishing devices, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals with operational distinguishing devices, a Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar as well as several other personal, unit and joint service citations. Captain Gray has also been recognized with the National Security Council's Superior Service Award for his work

coordinating the United States national humanitarian response effort to the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

Captain Gray, a native of Hicksville, New York, was commissioned in 1983 following graduation from the Coast Guard Academy. He is married with one child.